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Organization	Comment	Attribute #	DNR Repsonse
NewPage Corp.	I support the use of Management Areas as part of the planning process.	ALL	Support acknowledged.
Michigan Sharptail Assoc.	Support the classification of the State Forests into Management Areas using all of the criteria as outlined.	ALL	Support acknowledged.
Michigan Conservation Foundation	The criteria appears to be sufficient	ALL	Support acknowledged.
Iron Range Consulting and Services, Inc.	I dont think I have anything to add to the criteria used to select the mgt units, I think its good and pretty comprehensive. Its a good practical approach.	ALL	Support acknowledged.
Forest Recreation Advisory Council	Clear statement of criteria. It has my support.	ALL	Support acknowledged.
ARC Consulting Services	The selection criteria proposed to use for development of management Areas is appropriate and seems to be well thought out.	ALL	Support acknowledged.
USDA Forest Service	Support proposal for using a MA approach in devlopment of your RSFMPs. Your MA concept and the selection criteria you propose are similar to what the Forest Service used in development of our Forest Plans.	ALL	Support acknowledged.

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The Nature Conservancy	The "criteria" really appear to be attributes. There are no values, quantitative or qualitative, established to guide DNR staff in judging whether the "criteria" have been met. Consequently, the reviewer may be confused into thinking that the management areas had actually been selected because they met some criteria. After reviewing the three examples, it is clear that the management areas are simply groups of contiguous (or nearly contiguous) compartments that are similar with regard to the "attributes" (or characteristics, or parameters, but NOT criteria) listed in the document.	ALL	Changed descriptor from "criteria" to "attribute".
The Nature Conservancy	For each individual management area they should clearly explain which criteria were the primary criteria for that management area.		Comment acknowledged
MI Forest Products Council	Prior to implementation of this process, the DNR needs to develop a transparent stakeholder tool that explains the development of these criteria and how the boundaries of their application within the analysis used to develop regional plans.		Comment acknowledged
Michigan Assoc of Timbermen	The objective of Management Area Planning seems to makes sense. If these planning processes allow for future desired conditions to be met more efficiently and quickly then we expect them to be a positive process.		Support acknowledged.